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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE USING A LOGGING MODULE		
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance of the Notice of Allowance (dated October 15, 2010), the Examiner provided reasons for allowance of claims 113-120, 122-131, 135-138, 140-142, 144-152, 154-158, 160-162, 164-172, 174-176, 179-181 and 183-185. In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner stated:

“Independent claim 113 recites the features: the subsystem comprises a communications interface and the logging module is further configured to restrict a change to a configuration of the logging module by the subsystem. Independent claim 131 recites the features: the subsystem comprises a communications interface and the periodically communicating comprises periodically broadcasting the information using the subsystem. Independent claim 158 recites the features: means for periodically

communicating information regarding a configuration of the subsystem, wherein the means for periodically communicating information is coupled to the subsystem. Independent claim 172 recites the features: a first subset of instructions, executable on said computer system, configured to periodically broadcast the information using the communications interface. The closest prior art, Cleary et al. (US 5,504,905), discloses detecting a change in a configuration of a subsystem of a communication device and communicating information regarding the configuration of the subsystem (fig. 5); however, Cleary does not disclose the features listed above. The prior art, taken either singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of applicant's independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C 102 or 103 would be proper. The claimed invention is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and nonobvious over prior art.” (Notice of Allowance, pp. 3-4.)

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the allowance of claims 113-120, 122-131, 135-138, 140-142, 144-152, 154-158, 160-162, 164-172, 174-176, 179-181 and 183-185. However, Applicant respectfully notes that numerous other points of distinction exist between the cited references and the claimed invention, in addition to those stated in the foregoing passages and elsewhere during the prosecution of the instant application.

Thus, Applicant feels compelled to submit, respectfully, the following additional observations. Independent claim 113, which is representative of the remaining independent claims, reads as follows:

113. A communications device comprising:
a subsystem, wherein
the subsystem comprises a communications interface; and
a logging module coupled to the subsystem, wherein
the logging module is configured to periodically communicate information
regarding a configuration of the subsystem, and
the logging module is further configured to restrict a change to a
configuration of the logging module by the subsystem.

Moreover, even while accepting the allowed claims in their present form, Applicants do not (and need not) agree with the characterizations espoused by the Examiner in the above passages, or at other points during the prosecution of these claims (and indeed, during the prosecution of the claims in the parent case of the present application). In so stating, then, Applicants maintain their position with regard to the cited references, as presented during the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance fails to accurately reproduce the language of the claims in at least with respect to the foregoing. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 512-439-5084, if there are any questions.

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